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TITLE: DEVICE FOR ADJUSTING THE CARRYING POSITION OF A RUCKSACK

# 1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a *CONTINUATION APPLICATION* under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application International Application No. *PCT/FR03/00786*, having an international filing date of *March 12, 2003*, entitled *Device for Adjusting the Carrying Position of a Rucksack*, which designated the United States.

#### 2. Papers Enclosed

### A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 17 Page(s) of Specification
- 5 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 16 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-22)

B. Other:	Papers	Enc	losed
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	[ <b>x</b> ]	A	Patent	Appl	lication	Bibliogra	aphic	Data	Sheet
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- [x] A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- [x] A Preliminary Amendment
- [x] A Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and a certified copy of:

CountryApplication NumberFiling DateFrance02.03497March 15, 2002

- [x] Information Disclosure Statement
- [x] Form PTO-1449

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[x] An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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- [x] PCT/IB/308
- [x] PCT/IPEA/416 and PCT/IPEA/409
- [x] International Publication (front page only)
- 3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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# 4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- [ ] Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [ ] Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

#### 5. Relate Back

### A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

[ ] Priority of provisional application Serial No.	filed,
is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).	

# 5. Relate Back (Cont'd.)

# B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

[x] Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u> <u>Filing Date</u> <u>Relationship</u>
PCT/FR03/00786 March 12, 2003 Parent

# C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

[x] Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

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# 6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing fee (37	CFR §1.16(a))			\$ 770.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	17 - 20 =	0	× \$ 18.00	
Independent Claims	1 - 3=	0	× \$ 86.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDE	NT CLAIM(S) (if applicab	le)	+ \$290.00	
	тот	TAL OF ABOVE	CALCULATIONS =	\$ 770.00
[ ] Applicant claim above are reduce	ns small entity status. ced by 1/2.	See 37 CFR 1.27.	The fees indicated	
			SUBTOTAL =	\$ 770.00
	sing an application file F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.52(d)\$	•	ion in a non-English	
[x] Assignment Fe	e (37 CFR §1.21(h)\$40.	00)		\$ 40.00
		Т	OTAL FEES DUE =	\$ 810.00

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  - [x] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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